

20. (amended) A modified oligonucleotide or derivative thereof comprising at least one nucleoside selected from the group consisting of an arabinonucleoside and a 2'-deoxy-2'-fluoro-arabinonucleoside.

21. (amended) The modified oligonucleotide of claim 20 wherein said nucleoside is a 2'-arabinonucleoside.

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **"Version with markings to show changes made."**

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